



41

1712

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 1712
Osamu Takuman)	
Serial Number: 10/044,199)	Examiner: Marc Zimmer
Filed: January 9, 2002)	
Title: ADHESIVE FOR)	Response Under Rule
SILICONE RUBBER)	37 CFR 1.111
Attorney Docket: TSL - 1695)	April 12, 2004

RECEIVED
APR 22 2004
TC 1700

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2004, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application on the basis of the following amendments and remarks.

The Examiner has allowed claims 8 to 10. Claims 1 and 3 to 7 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishuima et al, U.S. patent No. 6,166,121 in view of Hara et al., U.S. patent No. 6,613,440.

In addition, the Examiner has rejected claim 8 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, in that step I refers to the adhesive composition but there is no antecedent basis for such an adhesive.

In response to the Office Action, applicant has cancelled claim 8 and substituted the claim 11 as a new claim in which the adhesive composition is included in the claim.

The addition of claim 11 and the cancellation of claim 8 appears to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1 and 3 to 7 by the Examiner under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishuima et al, U.S. patent No. 6,166,121 in view of Hara et al., U.S. patent No. 6,613,440, the applicant maintains that this rejection is not valid on the basis that the reference Hara, is not available to the Examiner under 35 USC 103(a) and the rejection is without foundation.

Applicant requests the withdrawal of all of the rejections and the Examiner is requested to allow all of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. McKellar

Reg. No. 26,002

(989) 631-4551